

Program Meetings...

March 4, 2025 - 6:30 p.m., Visitor and Student Services Center, OSU Lima Campus

Birds, Bugs & Botany: Connections in the Natural Realm

Guest: Judy Semroc, founder of Chrysalis in Time

Judy is the founder of Chrysalis in Time, the first Ohio chapter of the North American Butterfly Association (NABA). Judy also serves on the board of the Ohio Ornithological Society (Conservation Committee) and the Ohio Biological Survey.

She has co-authored two natural history guides, "Dragonflies & Damselflies of Northeast Ohio" and "Goldenrods of Northeast Ohio: A Field Guide to Identification & Natural History." For the past 20+ plus years, Judy was a conservation specialist in the Natural Areas Division of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. As a former petroleum geologist and science teacher, Judy loves to learn about and share her passion for the natural world through field trips, interpretive programs and photography. Learn more about Judy's latest adventures and offerings through her new company, Nature Spark!

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April 1, 2025—6:30 p.m., Visitor and Student Services Center, OSU Lima Campus

Tri-Moraine Family Fun Night

Join Tri-Moraine Audubon members and friends for our annual Family Fun Night. We will host activities for kids of all ages sponsored by area partners including the Ottawa River Coalition and Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District.

Join us for snacks and crafts for kids, including making a pinecone bird feeder.

Submitted by Nancy Risner



March 4th Speaker Judy Semroc

May 6, 2025—6:30 p.m., Visitor and Student Services Center, OSU Lima Campus

The Women Who Saved Birds

Guest: Rebecca Rose, Conservation Liaison for Ohio Wildlife Center

Who are the women who saved birds? When did this take place? Join us for guest speaker Rebecca Rose. Rebecca brings a love for nature and conservation biology to all her programs.

Rebecca joined the Ohio Wildlife Center as the conservation liaison after serving previously as environmental education specialist and field conservation manager for the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. She is on the board for the Pan African Sanctuary Alliance, Friends of Bonobos and the Center for Conservation Peacebuilding in Washington, D.C.

Come learn about the Ohio Wildlife Center, how others have helped animals, and how you can play a bigger role in conservation of species on earth.

Native Plant Sale...

Our 2nd Annual Native Plant Sale will be held in May. We are still finalizing some of the details. The order sheet will be available on our website. Look for it towards the beginning of March.

We plan to offer the following species of trees and shrubs: Nannyberry, Black Chokeberry, Coralberry, Gray Dogwood, Hazelnut, Dwarf Bush Honeysuckle, River Birch, Wild Black Cherry, Black Oak, and Chinkapin Oak. We have pre-ordered the following flowering plants and grasses: Sweet Flag, Wild Columbine, Blue Wood Aster, Blue False Indigo, Prairie Larkspur, Spotted Joe Pye, Shrubby St. John's Wort, Northern Blue Flag, Dense Blazing Star, Wing-angled Loosestrife, Dotted Mint, Wild Quinine, Smooth Penstemon, Cup Plant, Riddell's Goldenrod, Ohio Spiderwort, Hoary Vervain, Virginia Wild Rye, Purple Love Grass, Porcupine Sedge, and Sallow Sedge.

Selections are subject to change depending on greenhouse conditions. We look forward to providing our community with a good selection of native plants to help enhance our neighborhood habitats! *Submitted by Anne Smedley*

Council of Ohio Audubon Chapters....

The mission of the Council of Ohio Audubon Chapters (COAC) is to aid chapter development in strength, growth and leadership through dialogue and networking between the Chapter affiliates, individuals, and the National Audubon Society. And to provide an independent, collective voice of Ohio Chapters and affiliates in all Audubon affairs. COAC is a non-profit, tax-exempt charitable organization.

Tri-Moraine Audubon is a member of COAC. Our former chapter member Jackie Augustine was very involved in COAC's mission, activities and leadership. Other Ohio chapters involved in COAC include Audubon Miami Valley, Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland, Audubon Society of Ohio (Cincinnati Area), Audubon Society of Mahoning Valley, Black River Audubon Society, Blackhoof Audubon Society, Canton Audubon Society, Columbus Audubon Society, Dayton Audubon Society, Greater Akron Audubon Society, Greater Mohican Audubon Society and Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society.

COAC zoom meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Members share support, program ideas and Chapter activity information. They also share information on resources, training and conservation. New individual COAC members are very welcome and needed. For more information, contact Tri-Moraine Audubon COAC representative Judy Jacomet at 419-236-1744.

Submitted by Judy Jacomet

Field Trips Planned....

KILLDEER PLAINS FIELD TRIP

Saturday, March, 15, 9 a.m. – Start from McElroy Environmental Education Center (2355 Ada Rd)

10 a.m. – Meet at Upground Reservoir.

Join a naturalist from Johnny Appleseed Park District and the Tri-Moraine Audubon Society to explore some of the 8,000-plus acres of wetlands, prairies, and woodlots at Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area as we look for waterfowl and much more!

We'll do some walking, but we will mostly be driving between points of interest. Prepare for the weather and pack a lunch/snacks/beverages. A limited number of binoculars and field guides will be provided. A caravan will depart at 9 a.m. from the MEEC (2355 Ada Rd). We will meet at the Killdeer Upground Reservoir at 10 a.m. Feel free to stay as long as you like, some participants will stay into the late afternoon. Experienced and beginning birders are welcome. Registration is encouraged by March 14 at jampd.com

ROOKERY WALK

April 24 - 6:30 p.m. at OSU Lima

Great Blue Herons nest at OSU Lima's beautiful 200-acre preserve. We'll explore a variety of forest types as well as a recently restored prairie as we search for the first signs of spring!

We will be looking for wildflowers and listening for the spring songs of birds and frogs in the great outdoors. Meet at the trailhead at the end of the parking lot northeast of the visitor center. Prepare for muddy trail conditions.

BIG BIRDING DAY!

Monday, May 5 – 6:30 a.m. Meet at MEEC (2355 Ada Rd)

Join a naturalist from Johnny Appleseed Park District and the Tri-Moraine Audubon Society to visit some of the hottest birding locations in the world! This is peak migration for songbirds, and our birding trip will start with the boardwalk at Magee Marsh and potentially include the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge driving tour, Howard Marsh, and more!

A carpool with park vans will depart at 6:30 a.m. from the MEEC (2355 Ada Rd), meeting at the Magee Nature Center at 8:30 a.m. Feel free to stay as long as you like, some participants will stay into the evening. Appropriate clothing/footwear, binoculars, sun protection, lunch/snacks/beverages and field guides are recommended. A limited number of binoculars and field guides will be provided. Experienced and beginning birders are welcome!

Be sure to register early for a seat in the van. Registration is encouraged by May 4 at jampd.com.

Submitted by Dan Hodges